

A "FIRST FAMILIES of MISSOURI" WHY NOT?

This Season's Debutantes of Middle West Trace Back Six and Seven Generations to Ancestors as Illustrious as Any in Old Colonial Families



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AT TOP, from left to right —Miss Florence Lucas and Miss Julie Chenie Goode. Middle row—Misses Emma Garesche, Sunie Cabanne Smith, Emilie Maffitt Cabanne, and Mildred Lloyd. Below—Misses Katherine Guy, Mathilde Cooke and Dorothy Bakewell.

Charles Frederick Bates, is of an old Missouri family. Her mother was Nancy Maffitt and through the Chouteaus and Maffitts she is prominent among the first families. The Maffitts were also of Virginia derivation and were army officers. The last of the five is Miss Mildred Papin Lloyd, daughter of Winfield Scott Lloyd. Her mother was Grace Papin and through her mother she also goes back to the Chouteaus and Laclede. Among her ancestors she counts Maj. William Christy, whose wife was a sister of

Virginia boasts of her blue-blooded "First Families of Virginia." Massachusetts has her aristocracy dating back to those Pilgrim fathers who first stepped on Plymouth Rock, Pennsylvania can go back to the Quakers, New York to the Dutch and Louisiana to the early French; but the States in the interior of the country can boast their "First Families," too, with a long line of illustrious forbears reaching back to the days when men with commissions from the King of France penetrated into the interior in quest of fortune sometimes and sometimes in quest of freedom.

Missouri is one of these States with a list of ancient families extending back five, six and seven generations. Ten of this season's debutantes can lay claim to being of the first families of Missouri. Five of them can go back to Pierre Laclede, who established the leading trading post in Missouri, even before Missouri was a territory. These families came to the State when Louisiana extended north to Canada and when the French were supreme in the land.

Possibly the debutante who can count the most generations in Missouri is Miss Sunie Cabanne Smith, who goes back seven generations to Pierre Laclede. She can lay claim to descent from the Laclede household on both sides of the family. Her father is James Shepard Smith. The Smiths go back to Laclede through the Chentes, Papins and Chouteaus, all old French families. Through her mother, who was Miss Sunie Cabanne, she can trace her lineage directly back to the Chouteaus and Laclede.

Miss Julie Chenie Goode is also a member of the first families of Missouri, tracing her ancestry back to Pierre Laclede on both sides of the house. Her father is Maj. George W. Goode, who is of the

house of Laclede through maternal ancestors. Her mother was Miss Susie Cabanne, also of Laclede, through the Chouteaus.

Miss Emilie Maffitt Cabanne is the third of the Laclede-Chouteau

descendants. She is the daughter of Sarpy Carr-Cabanne. Her mother was Julia Goode. She also goes back into the old Virginia families for the Goodees were of Virginia.

Miss Nancy Bates, daughter of

Gen. Zachary Taylor.

FIRST OF LINE INTRODUCED VACCINATION.

Miss Mathilda R. Cooke, one of the Missouri debutantes of the old French families, has an unusual distinction, as the first of her line to reach America was a noted physician of France. He was Dr. Saurgrain and it was he who introduced

stand wherein her favorite companion lacked the qualifications necessary in a future ruler.

But Kings do sometimes have their way, and so Charles' nephew and heir married the foreign Princess. This nephew of the King is the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern, whose candidacy for the Spanish throne brought on the Franco-Prussian War. Prince Ferdinand was adopted by the King and Queen of Roumania on the death of their only child, a little girl of 4, in 1889.

Despite the little drawbacks of the Crown Prince's romance, and the fact that his wife's name had earlier been linked with the future King of Italy, it was a cloudless wedding day when the 17-year-old Princess put a crown in front of her title. The King was so pleased with his new relative that he showered honors upon her, among

vaccination against smallpox in America more than 100 years ago.

Miss Cooke's father is William Nordcael Cooke and her mother before her marriage was Miss Lily Gildehaus. Through her mother she is related with prominent German families and traces her lineage back to the Hapsburgs, the ruling line of Austria. Through the Cookes

other things making her honorary Colonel of one of the crack regiments of his army, the Fourth Roumanian Hussars. The Crown Princess was no less fitted to head the regiment than she was to lead the dance of all the beauty and bravery of the court. She was a fine horsewoman, and nowhere presented a better appearance than riding surrounded by her regimental staff on review days.

The popular favor increased when the stork sought out the home of the Crown Prince and Princess and made it the object of his most earnest attention. Not the least of the inheritance of the two Princesses and the three Princesses which were born of the royal union was a large measure of their mother's beauty and charm.

But in the meantime clouds had reared their threatening heads above the horizon. The pride of the new-comer of the realm had begun to

grate on the popular feeling. Her strong Russian interests soon met with flagrant opposition on the part of the King and his government. The Legislature was called upon to enact a law to prevent the Crown Princess from having any share in the regency in the event of her first-born son succeeding to the throne while still a minor. It became evident that all efforts were being put forth to destroy the mother's influence over the future ruler.

The Princess demanded her maternal rights, and it was rumored at one time her insistence brought her and her husband to the separating point. The Prince, being a Hohenzollern, looked with disfavor on her Romanoff programme.

"Mr. Smith, to whom you were talking so much, is a married man." "Oh, I knew that." "How did you know it?" "By the way he listened."—Baltimore American.

came to Missouri. Prior to living in Kentucky the family had lived in Pennsylvania. Henry Von Puhl married a daughter of Dr. Saurgrain, thus connecting the family with the famous French physician.

Dr. Saurgrain left France at the time of the French Revolution. For seven generations his family had been librarians to the King of France. Dr. Saurgrain was a great friend of Benjamin Franklin at the time Franklin was in Paris working for aid of the French Government in our war for American independence.

At the time of the French Revolution Dr. Saurgrain saved the French library from destruction. Lives were in danger there and because he was of noble blood the revolutionists were especially hostile toward him. He went to New Orleans and from New Orleans to Missouri. Missouri of course was then a part of Louisiana and New Orleans was the capital.

Miss Emma Garesche is the daughter of Edmund Garesche. Her mother was Emma W. Jennings. The Garesches were an old French family, coming from France to the West Indies, thence to New Orleans and finally to St. Louis.

Miss Katherine Lemone Guy is a daughter of William Evans Guy. Her mother was Katherine R. Lemone. Through her mother she is a descendant of the old French family of Lemone. The first Lemone was a doctor of note.

Miss Florence D'Arche Lucas is a daughter of James Lucas. Before her marriage her mother was Prudence M. Hunt. Her "first family" claim is through the D'Arche family. The Lucas family married Miss Florence D'Arche a hundred years ago. The D'Arche family was one of the first families of Missouri.

The Lucas family is also of long standing in Missouri, although it did not come here until after the United States gained possession. The Lucas family originally came from Normandy, France. They left Normandy to come to Pittsburg, then Fort Pitt, Pa., in 1732. The original Lucas in America was a lawyer and the Lucas family has been prolific in lawyers ever since. They have been prominent on the bench of the State. John R. Lucas was the first presiding justice. His son, Charles Lucas, also was a lawyer. He was a rival of Senator Thomas Benton and when a young man fought a duel with Benton. Benton killed him and later when the State was admitted to the Union Benton became United States Senator.

Miss Dorothy DeLaurel Bakewell is another of this year's debutantes who can trace her ancestry back through many generations of residence in her native State. Her grandmother was a DeLaurel. The DeLaurels were an old French family and have been prominent in the history of the State.

NEWLY CROWNED QUEEN OF ROUMANIA HAS AMBITIONS TO SOME DAY BECOME A SECOND VICTORIA

Will the new Queen of Roumania wear the crown of thorns which later day prophets have predicted for her or will she become another Victoria as she has aspired? This double and contrasted question is now ready for the answer, which lies wrapped up in the reign just begun in the little Balkan kingdom.

There are numerous indications that the aspiration of Queen Marie, once so well founded on the admiration of the Roumanians, is destined to meet with bitter disappointment. It is said that the new Queen, as well as King Ferdinand, the ruler of only the last few days, is very unpopular. Too great ambition, bearing the aspects and much of the embodiment of cynicism, haughtiness and a certain contempt for the people over which she now rules, seemingly has overshot the mark.

But it was only natural that she who was almost unanimously

hailed as the most beautiful and charming Princess of all Europe should have built castles of unusual regal splendor in the air. And it was only natural that at first the people of one of Europe's backward nations should have been dazzled by the promises of magnificence which came to them when their Crown Prince in 1893 married the highborn and beautiful Princess. For was she not the granddaughter of Queen Victoria and a descendant of the Czars of all the Russias? What more natural than that the little king should be proud of his new national dynasty, bound by direct blood connection with the dynasties of Russia and England?

In the sumptuousness of the wedding there were promises that the dreams of future greatness on both sides should be realized. Never had any English Princess had so magnificent a tressure as this daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh

and of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Her father gave her a vast fortune, and this, with her great personal attractions and accomplishments, made her the idol of the gay and frivolous capital of Bucharest.

The poor Crown Prince was completely overshadowed, not that he carried a great lot, for it was a match of the hand and not of the heart. It had taken him two years to screw his courage up to the sticking point in the matter of giving up the woman he really loved, Mlle. Helen Vacaresco, the favorite lady of honor of Carmen Sylva, the poet-queen. But the wish of King Charles and his powerful oligarchy prevailed, though it is said the Queen was greatly disgusted with the whole affair and wrote to the Prince after his betrothal that she never wanted to see him again. Mlle. Vacaresco belonged to one of Roumania's most noble and historic families, and the idealistic Queen could not under-

